



# CONNERY JOBS

Office Holding Record of Family in State, County and City Arouses Public Interest in "Fire Appliances."

The threats made by members of the Connery Gang to put The Eagle out of business impelled this newspaper to ferret out just what grasp the Connerys have on public affairs.

The result is startling and of interest to taxpayers, voters and the public generally.

No wonder some of this gang of public payroll ornaments believe that they can use the United States Government in their business.

They evidently have found the State of Illinois, County of Cook and City of Chicago very profitable and easily worked attachments to the family possessions.

Democrats in Chicago are wondering why all of the public jobs are not given to Connerys.

It may be due to the fact that there are not enough Connerys to go around.

Connerys First!

What a noble family motto that is to be sure.

And often has the Democratic party fallen for the Connerys and their well-known hankering for good things.

"State Street Store" Blocki as you may have heard him referred to, a partner of John T. Connery in the coal business, is a member of the Board of Review.

William J. Connery, nephew of John T. Connery, holds the nice-salaried job of Secretary of Reviewer Blocki.

Partner Blocki will run for re-election next year, so prepare your ballots.

Good stories of city contracts and of other contracts in which the Connery connections were alleged to have been interested are not so far forgotten that the public interest in them ever wholly died out.

There was a number of talented Democratic leaders who held office or contracts under the Busse BUSINESS administration.

We have referred to some of these worthies before as our files will attest.

But talking of the Busse BUSINESS administration, Democrats do not forget the party treason which brought it about.

Democrats do not forget the dose that some members of the Connery gang gave Mayor Dunne in 1907 when he was running for re-election.

Although looked upon by many in the light of the Royal Family of the Democratic party, entitled to most, if not to all, of the jobs in the gift, the Connerys are alleged to have given such great support to Busse and to have worked so hard to defeat Dunne that Busse's gratitude was great.

When John W. Rainey, always a good Democrat and an able man, was running for Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1912, the Connery outfit fought him at the polls in favor of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., a Republican.

When Robert M. Switzer was running for the Democratic nomination for Mayor in 1915, the Connerys saw another chance to put a member of the family in that office and they trotted out Francis D. Connery, then City Clerk and now Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

But the Democratic stomach was showing signs of balking at an over-diet of Connery and the noble Francis D. was sent back to the payroll to wait for another chance.

Switzer got the nomination and it is said that the Connery following did not forgive him for crowding out one of the princes of the blood and were not over-enthusiastic for Switzer's election—to say the least.

This year the Connerys are not asking for much.

It is reported that Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., son-in-law of John T. Connery will seek the Republican nomination for Clerk of the Circuit Court against John W. Rainey, the present efficient Democratic incumbent of that office.

Joseph F. Connery, a brother of John T. Connery and a brother of Francis D. Connery and an uncle-in-

law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will seek a renomination for Recorder of Deeds.

Michael M. Connery, brother of John T., Joseph F., and Francis D. Connery will retain his present big job as Inspector for Attorney General Luddy.

Henry E. Connery, brother of Michael M. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Francis D. Connery, and uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will hold his present lucrative job as State Bank Examiner.

Francis D. Connery, brother of Henry E. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Michael M. Connery, and uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will retain his present \$6,000 a year job as Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

Joseph M. Connery, cousin of Francis D. Connery, Henry E. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Michael M. Connery has been mentioned for the Democratic nomination for Board of Review this year.

State Street Blocki, the business partner of John T. Connery, will not have a chance to run again for his present job on the Board of Review, until next year.

So William J. Connery, nephew of John T. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Michael M. Connery will retain his nice-salaried job as Blocki's Secretary.

But by next year a few more offices may be created for a few more Connerys as it would be too bad to have Blocki, John T. Connery's partner in the coal business running on a ticket where there was not another member of the Connery family to keep him from getting lonesome.

Connery first—the rest nowhere.

## JUICY JOBS FOR CONNERYS

Information Gleaned from a Circular Distributed in the 28th Ward at the Last Primary.

A circular containing the following information was sent out broadcast in the Twenty-eighth ward during the late primary for Democratic Ward Committeeman and created much comment at the time:

"John will take the honors and Francis the jobs."

Below is a list of Connery's relatives that are on the public payroll.

Francis D. Connery.

Alderman 1901-1903—2 years—\$1,500—\$3,000.

Alderman 1907-1909—2 years—\$1,500—\$3,000.

City Clerk 1909-1915—6 years—\$5,000—\$30,000.

Comptroller Sanitary District at \$6,000 per year, 1915.

When Mr. Connery got his appointment with the Sanitary District, Mr. Eugene Boland, a Civil Engineer residing in the Twenty-eighth ward, was let out of his position.

Joseph F. Connery (Brother of Francis).

As County Recorder 4 years at \$9,000—\$36,000.

M. F. Connery.

In Recorder's office 4 years at \$1,560—\$6,240.

Henry Connery (Brother of Francis).

In Bank Examiner Brady's office 4 years at \$2,500—\$10,000.

Michael M. Connery (Brother of above).

Inspector in Attorney General's office 4 years at \$2,500—\$10,000.

William J. Connery (Nephew of above).

Clerk Board of Review 6 years at \$1,500—\$9,000.

James J. Riordan (Brother-in-law of Francis).

Police officer in City Clerk's office.

James P. Riordan (Nephew of Francis).

Clerk Recorder's office. Salary not stated.

Several Women Relatives—Clerks in Recorder's office. Salaries not stated.

One Woman Relative—Treasurer. Salary not stated.

Other small positions held by Connerys mentioned. Salaries not stated.

William J. Riordan (Nephew of Francis).

Clerk Municipal Court 6 years at \$1,320—\$7,920.

Joseph M. Connery (Cousin).

Is now a candidate for Board of Re-

view, and if elected will receive 6 years at \$7,000—\$42,000.

The circular winds up with this statement:

"Other Connerys are holding office besides those mentioned above."

The above circular circulated by 28th Ward Democrats at the 1916 primary election only gives the relatives of Francis D. Connery, who is a brother of Reviewer Blocki's partner, John T. Connery; State Attorney General's Investigator Michael M. Connery; Recorder of Deeds Joseph F. Connery; an uncle of Reviewer Blocki's Assistant, William J. Connery; a brother of Henry Connery, State Bank Examiner, and a cousin of Joseph M. Connery, said to be a candidate for Board of Review.

If all of the office-holding relatives

## RE-ELECT HOYNE

People Should Rally for the Re-election of Our Courageous and Honest States Attorney.

Crooked Policemen, Crooked Office Holders and Crooked Politicians Are Out to Beat Him.

Every crooked office holder in Chicago is against State's Attorney Hoyne for re-election.

Every crooked policeman is against State's Attorney Hoyne for re-election.

Every crooked public contractor is against State's Attorney Hoyne for re-election.

Every job holder who has ever robbed the public by splitting public money for public supplies with men who furnished them is against State's Attorney Hoyne.

Mr. Hoyne has proven himself worthy of his great public trust.

The people will stand by him.

## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION JULY 11

A Republican county convention with 4,454 delegates has been called to meet Tuesday, July 11, for the purpose of selecting candidates for eleven county positions and ten positions

# WILSON WILL WIN

Threatened Betrayal by Chicago Contract Hunters Who Forage in Both Parties for Coin Won't Hurt Him.

President Wilson is in no danger of defeat because of the hidden and underhanded attacks being made upon his candidacy by the Chicago High Binders.

The President sized this crowd up from the start of his administration and, although outwardly pretending to be with him for re-election, this crowd of political traders are trying to cut his political heart out.

The voters know the truth about this gang.

They know that the only Democracy its members possess is wrapped up in a small package and used to grease their own itchy palms and to secure the plums for themselves.

They have secured no plums from

whoever they are for loses; whoever they are against wins.

## CAN'T TIE THE CONNERYS

Bemis Family Not Slow, but Nowhere in Comparison with Connerys.

Investigation of the books of the Peoples' Gas Light and Coke Company is going to be an expensive proposition for the city of Chicago.

Edward W. Bemis, expert retained by the council committee on gas litigation for \$100 a day, cheerfully submitted a list of employees he wants to add him in his work.

Bemis thinks he ought to have a staff of fifty-five assistants, and a corps of messengers and stenographers in addition.

His estimate of the number of assistants he needs calls for an expenditure of approximately \$7,000 a month, exclusive of his own salary.

What is more, Bemis is working also for the committee on gas, oil and electric light, also at the rate of \$100 a day. Of course, he is not supposed to charge each committee \$100 for the same day's work.

Bemis has his son on the pay roll of the gas, oil and electric light committee at a salary of \$25 a day. He tried to put him on the pay roll of the gas litigation committee also, but Alderman Lawler, chairman of that committee, decided that would be too much of a good thing for father and son, experts though they are reputed to be, and he refused to approve the pay roll.

Here is the brigade Bemis proposes to put to work for the gas litigation committee:

Seven department engineers at \$225 to \$250 a month.

Five assistant engineers at \$200 a month.

Five assistant engineers at \$150 a month.

Eight junior engineers at \$125 to \$145 a month.

Two draftsmen at \$90 to \$100 a month.

Three cost analysts at \$90 to \$110 a month.

Two junior clerks at \$70 to \$100 a month.

Two inspectors at \$70 to \$100 a month.

One senior clerk at \$140 a month.

Twenty field assistants at \$70 to \$125 a month.

The force is supposed to prepare data for the trial of the city's suit to enforce the gas rate ordinance passed five years ago.

Bemis' request was referred to the efficiency staff of the finance committee for investigation.

## BUT HOLD ON TO PUBLIC PAYROLLS

Members of the Connery Gang Who Lose Their Popularity and Are Driven Out by Democrats of Other Wards, Said to Save Their Big Salaries by Watching the Sad Waves from Roosts Near the "Beach."

The Connerys, through "hogging the jobs" and for other good and sufficient reasons, have lost all the political popularity they ever possessed, according to rumor.

Francis D. Connery, the former City Clerk, with a Record, and present \$6,000 a year Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago, ran against Frank Paschen, a well known business man, for Democratic Ward Committeeman of the 28th ward.

Paschen defeated Connery by over 3,000 votes.

Connery has joined several other Connerys, who draw good public salaries, in the Edgewater Observation Camp, where they can hear the murmur of more knocks to come from the sad, sobbing waves at the "Beach," and think of the good old days of "Fire Appliances."

But they never quit the public pay roll.

The Connery who is now Recorder of Deeds had a narrow escape from missing the election when he ran four years ago for his present \$9,000 a year job. If he has gained in popularity since many do not believe it.

The run he made in 1912 was one of the poorest ever put up by any candidate for office in Cook County under the circumstances.

Although the Republican party was split in two he only nosed out the Progressive candidate, an almost unknown man in politics, by a little over 22,000 votes.

If the Republican candidate had received a fourth of the Progressive vote Connery would have been left in the cemetery. The Republican and Progressive vote added together beat Connery over 95,000 votes.

Connery in the opinion of many will be the worst beaten man on the ticket this year because the voters will have a chance to take a straight crack at him.

The vote for Recorder in 1912 as officially announced was as follows:

Connery, Democrat ..... 139,370

Cannon, Republican ..... 117,784

Willis, Progressive ..... 116,106

McMahon, Socialist ..... 59,531

The Socialists polled almost half as many votes as were cast for Connery in a presidential year.

The combined Republican, Progressive and Socialist majority over Connery in 1912 was over 154,000 votes.

Connery spells defeat.

## ORGANIZED APPETITE

The Connery Gang Evidently Does Not Wish the Public to See a List of All the Public Offices it Fills.

The loud mouthed threats of the Connery gang of Public Office Holders to "put the Chicago Eagle out of the mails and out of business" for daring to criticize the public acts of some of its members are arousing public attention.

The people have known right along that the Connerys were credited with holding many public jobs in Chicago.

The people have known right along that the Connerys were in the coal business to make money.

They have known right along that a member of the Connery coal firm is a member of the Board of Review.

They have known right along that this official's private secretary was a Connery.

They have known right along that the Attorney General's Office investigates matters connected with public offices.

They have known right along that the Official Investigator of the Illinois Attorney General's Office is a Connery.

They have known right along that a city clerk some of whose methods the present city clerk did not follow was a Connery.

They have known right along that the man who passes on the bills of Contractors for the Sanitary District of Chicago is a Connery—the Comptroller of the District.

They have known right along that most of the public offices in Cook County are honeycombed with Connerys.

They know that the Recorder of Deeds, who runs again this year, whose office contains several Connerys, is a Connery.

Now they know that the Connery gang feels so sure of its grip on the public that it is heard threatening to use the Federal Government to silence criticism of its methods.

If this isn't Bossism in its worst form, what is?

The terms of some of the Office Holding Aristocrats expire next fall. The Democratic party can make a hit by refusing to renominate them.

If the party does renominate them the people will make a hit that will force some of these men to take a run home and stay there.

Democratic workers are complaining loudly that two of the county offices to be filled at the polls next fall are now used as storehouses for relatives of the incumbents.



PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON.

Whose Re-election Underhanded Gang of Chicago Democrats for Revenue Only is Trying to Defeat.

of all of the other Connerys outside of Francis D. Connery were published it would have to be as a serial. No one issue of the paper could spare the space for the names.

The principal charge brought against two of the Democratic county officials whose terms expire next fall is that they are well headed.

This is a bad year for swell heads. Party workers may be induced against their will to renominate them. But the voters will not re-elect them.

The terms of seven Superior Court Judges expire in 1917. Three of them are Republicans; four are Democrats.

on the municipal bench, to be voted on at the statewide primaries Sept. 13.

The action does not mean that there is harmony in the Republican ranks. On the contrary, the indications are that the county committeemen are as far removed from a peace agreement as they ever were. No answer has been received from the Deneen group of committeemen as to whether or not they will accept the compromise offer made by the Brundage and Thompson groups of committeemen whereby Mr. Deneen was to be conceded approximately one-fourth of the county and municipal bench nominations. The committee went ahead on the belief that there would be no acceptance from the Deneen people and that the only alternative was to hold a convention.

Wilson.

The President is too great and too good a man to stand for a moment for gang rule in politics.

That is why the people are with him.

The Order of Democrats for Revenue Only, who are organizing against Wilson in Chicago, are paying the way for another knockout for themselves.

But they will go along in their usual way.

They will try to beat him by underhanded methods until election day.

Then if he wins they will say that they elected him.

If Wilson loses they will be sitting on Hughes' doorstep and may ask him to make one of their gang his private secretary.

The voters love them so well that

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